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Applicants: N. Tanaka et al. Attorney Docket No.: FUJO116715
Application No.: 09/735,312 Group Art Unit: 3629
Filed: December 11, 2000 Examiner: R.S. Woo
Title: SYSTEM FOR INTERNET CONNECTIONS, METHOD FOR
CALCULATING CONNECTION FEES FOR NETWORK CONNECTION
SERVICES, BILLING SYSTEM FOR NETWORK CONNECTION
SERVICES, AND SYSTEM FOR NETWORK CONNECTION
MANAGEMENT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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REMARKS

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, which was due November 6, 2004. Please enter the following election and remarks.

The Examiner states that the subject application discloses five (5) distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 18-30, classified in class 709, subclass 224;
- II. Claim 15, classified in class 703, subclass 217;
- III. Claims 16-17, classified in class 705, subclass 400;
- IV. Claims 31-32, classified in class 709, subclass 245; and
- V. Claim 33, classified in class 709, subclass 222.

The Examiner states that (1) Group III and Group I are distinct because the process disclosed in Group III can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand; and the apparatus disclosed in Group I can be used to practice another and materially different

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